



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 6338

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AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR FIRE SERVICE TRAINING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-323p of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) The Office of State Fire Administration shall maintain and
4 operate a state fire school which shall serve as the training and
5 education arm of the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control. The
6 use of any hazardous material, as defined in section 29-307a, except a
7 virgin fuel, is prohibited in the simulation of any fire. The office shall
8 fix fees for training and education programs and sessions and for such
9 other purposes deemed necessary for the operation and support of the
10 school, subject to the approval of the commission. Such fees shall be
11 used solely for training and education purposes.

12 (b) The commission may establish and maintain a state fire school
13 training and education extension account, which shall be a separate
14 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any
15 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. The account
16 may be used for the operation of such training and education
17 extension programs and sessions as the Office of State Fire
18 Administration may establish, [and] for the purchase of such
19 equipment as is required for use in the operation of such programs and
20 sessions, and for the costs of Firefighter I certification of municipal

21 volunteer and paid fire service personnel and state agency fire service
22 personnel. All proceeds derived from the operation of the training and
23 education extension programs and sessions shall be deposited in the
24 General Fund and shall be credited to and become a part of the
25 resources of the account. All direct expenses incurred in the conduct of
26 the training, certification and education programs and sessions shall be
27 charged, and any payments of interest and principal of bonds or any
28 sums transferable to any fund for the payment of interest and principal
29 of bonds and any cost of equipment for such operations may be
30 charged, against the account on order of the State Comptroller. Any
31 balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain in the account to
32 be used for its training and education programs and sessions, and for
33 the acquisition, as provided by section 4b-21, alteration and repairs of
34 real property for educational facilities, except such sums as may be
35 required to be transferred from time to time to any fund for the
36 redemption of bonds and payment of interest on bonds, provided
37 repairs, alterations or additions to educational facilities costing fifty
38 thousand dollars or less shall require the approval of the
39 Commissioner of Public Works, and capital projects costing over fifty
40 thousand dollars shall require the approval of the General Assembly
41 or, when the General Assembly is not in session, of the Finance
42 Advisory Committee.

43 (c) The commission may establish and maintain a state fire school
44 auxiliary services account, which shall be a separate account within the
45 General Fund. The account shall be used for the operation,
46 maintenance and repair of auxiliary service facilities and for such other
47 auxiliary activities of the state fire school as the Office of State Fire
48 Administration determines. The proceeds of such activities shall be
49 deposited in the General Fund and shall be credited to and become a
50 part of the resources of the account. All direct expenses of operation,
51 maintenance and repair of facilities, food services and other auxiliary
52 activities shall be charged, and any payments of interest and principal
53 of bonds or any sums transferable to any fund for the payment of
54 interest and principal of bonds and any cost of equipment for such

55 operations may be charged, against the account on order of the State
 56 Comptroller. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain
 57 in the account to be used for the improvement and extension of such
 58 activities, except such sums as may be required to be transferred from
 59 time to time to any fund for the redemption of bonds and payment of
 60 interest on bonds, provided repairs, alterations or additions to
 61 auxiliary service facilities costing fifty thousand dollars or less shall
 62 require the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works, and capital
 63 projects costing over fifty thousand dollars shall require the approval
 64 of the General Assembly or, when the General Assembly is not in
 65 session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. The commission, with the
 66 approval of the Finance Advisory Committee, may borrow from the
 67 resources of the General Fund at any time such sum or sums as it
 68 deems advisable, to establish or continue auxiliary services activities,
 69 such sums to be repaid in accordance with such schedule as the
 70 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall establish.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	7-323p
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